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1. An espionage center has been established by the Ministry of the Interior at Zelezna Ruda with its headquarters in the Alma Hotel for the dispatching of agents to the American Zone of Germany. [REDACTED] a Skoda Tudor car with a Prague license plate was seen arriving at the Alma Hotel twice weekly.
2. The Zelezna Ruda center is well suited for Czech espionage activities for the following reasons:
 - a. Alzbetin, the southern section of Zelezna Ruda, is connected directly with Bavarian Eisenstein where the border railroad station is located.
 - b. About 50 m from the German station the Eisenstein-Passau and the Eisenstein-Furthaus stops are located. No controls either at the train station or at the bus stops were observed.
3. The SNB post in Zelezna Ruda is located in the National Committee building. Some of the personnel are:
 - a. W/O Frantisek Subrt, Commanding Officer, aged 35 years. In September 1950, he was promoted to be commanding officer of the District SNB at Doubravice.
 - b. W/O Bouda, 36 years old.
 - c. Jr. W/O Frantisek Krabec, People's Prosecutor, aged 23 years.
 - d. Jr. W/O Frantisek Marousek, People's Prosecutor, aged 26.
4. Two SNB men check passenger trains running from Klatovy to Zelezna Ruda. They give special attention to persons who board the train at Hojsova Straz (V50/U90) and to persons travelling, especially unseasonably, with luggage. SNB air patrols make observation flights along the border every other day. The air patrol from the Bozy airfield at Pilsen controls the Zelezna Ruda area and is equipped with

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three He-109s and two K-65s carrying machine guns. These planes are stored in civilian hangars when they are not in use.

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5. The headquarters of an SSB-PS company is located near the Hotel Wilson, and billets for married personnel are in the same building. [REDACTED] the company commander, W/O Razlik, was purged and replaced by an SSB lieutenant. SSB-PS platoons are located at Alzhbetin and at the Hotel Osty in Zelazna Rudn. It is rumored that the SSB posts in the border area are to be replaced by SSB PS units.

Attachment: Sketch showing location of SSB-PS headquarters at Zelazna Rudn

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